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ORIGINAL POETRY.

THE LYRE I TOUCHED.

The Lyre I touched—when on my view
The Lyre Faust had burst.
What thought was innocent as new,
Knew not a stain of earth;
It pouted a wild and blithesome lay,
Without one note of sorrow,
For all the joys of yesterday
Were mirrored on the morrow.

The Lyre I touched—In love's green bower,
At vespers, when the strain
Was bloodless as the hours
When constant love-heats shone;
For Love and Truth were pighted then
With deep and fond emotion,
And life was bright and joyous, when
Truth had the heart's devotion.

The Lyre I touched—In a rude storm
When blithous bairns low'd,
With Youth had twined round Youth's form
And decked her happy brow;
Its note in altered numbers fell—
It wak'd a pensive feeling,
As when within the leaden dell
Autumn winds are wailing.

The Lyre I touched—Under the near wreath
When blushed the day's delighting crest,
Aurora took it from the bough
To witness my heart;
It sang the joys in memory's store,
Which ere were freshly glowing,
Nor deemed I pleasure regn'd no more
The while its notes were flowing.

The Lyre I touched—I'll touch no more,
It charms not even the spirit;
Faust's heart is gone to her,
She buts to weep;
And Hope hath fled—an added mound
The waving grass discloses,
And weary footsteps linger round
Where all my peace reposes.

WILFRID.

LINES.
I dreamed—I saw a star and giant form,
Rolling o'er lovely earth, a lurid storm;
And like the lightning, when thy ire,
The storm-flame blazed his blotted eye;
And while the smoky clouds around him curled,
His leaden bolts, the hellish demon hurled;
And sooths'fores heaved the heartless sigh,
And grieved forth from the pale, pale eye;
And like the stars, the stars o'er the plains
And lone soft maidens, formed his heartless train;
Tide o'er the earth he whel'd his grey car,
And death no-unmanned the God of War.
Looked again—but oh! the wondrous change,
For every limit of the eye's vast range,
The earth is ruled in universal bloom;
The flowers are open'd, and the sun's comb;
The green's sport presents a festive scene,
The fields are waving with the yellow grain;
And plenty gives her bounties to the swain!
See you not the roses, like the blushing blushes,
She, by her blessings, speaks her full release;
And mankind shout to welcome heaven-born Grace.

ELIA.

THE PSEUDO-CRITIC:
Or, the Learned Pig in the Flower Garden.

Then braving Swine! what dost thou there,
In Pigs' verdant garden—where
The Pigs' children strew the flowers
That on Parasitic mountains grew—
Where Faunus rears his hairy ever,
Why com'st thou from the filthy mire,
A Satyr in the Muses' thong,
To grout—while Genius strikes the lyre
In immortality of song.

Com'st thou with grisly snout to root
Where Genius sits, with airy feet,
Trip—trip—through Andromedan groves,
Playing bright garlands from his boughs—
Where Friendship uncollected roves,
Nor dreams of such a b'ut as thou?
Or com'st thou there to nurse the flowers
With thy fat, fat, fat, fat, fat, fat, fat—
O! think'st thou by thy grunting powers,
Hannocous Minstrels will be taught?

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Avant!—or meet the common doom,
Of other swine—“yoked and wrung.”

And ye who in the Muses' bowers
Have erst called earlards gay and sweet,
And swine's fat, fat, fat, fat, fat, fat, fat, fat,
And blouson, who, when thou should meet,
And “Eler,” who with fair hand,
A brighter wreath by far hath wove—
Then bloused when fair Andromeda's wane,
Waved all the withered flowers away—
And then, though, though, though, though,
Be once, contemned and thrown away,
Be him as sweet as fragrance May;
A blouson hand if thou hadst made,
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give it over to the Devil. This appellation has since been aply rendered into English by the name of Hell Gate; and into nonsense by the name of Hurl Gate, according to certain foreign intruders who neither understand Dutch nor English. May St. Nicholas confound them.

JEMMY DAWSON.—Sheenstone's pathetic and affecting ballad of Jemmy Dawson will be admired as long as the English language shall exist. This ballad, which is founded in truth, was taken from a narrative first published in the *Parrot* of the 2d of August, 1746, three days after the transaction it records. It is given in the form of a letter, and is as follows:

"A young lady, of good family and handsome fortune, had for some time extremely loved, and was equally beloved by Mr. James Dawson, one of those unhappy gentlemen who suffered on Wednesday last, at Kensington Common, for high treason; and had he either been acquitted, or have found the royal mercy after condemnation, the day of his enlargement was to have been that of his marriage.

"I will not prolong the narrative by any repetition of what she suffered on sentence being passed on him; none, excepting those utterly incapable of feeling any soft or generous emotions, but may easily conceive her agonies; beside, the sad catastrophe will be sufficient to convince you of their sincerity.

"Not all the persuasions of her kindred could prevent her from going to the place of execution; she was determined to see the last of a person so dear to her, and accordingly followed the sledges in a hackney coach, accompanied by a gentleman nearly related to her, and one female friend. She got near enough to see the fire kindled, which was to consume that heart she knew was so much devoted to her, and all the other dreadful preparations for his fate, without betraying any of those emotions her friends apprehended; but when all was over, and she found that he was no more, she threw her head back into the coach, and ejaculating 'My dear, I follow thee! I follow thee! Lord Jesus! receive both our souls together!' fell on the neck of her companion, and expired the very moment she had done speaking.

"The excessive grief which the force of her resolution had kept smothered within her breast, is thought to have put a stop to the vital motion, and suffocated at once all the animal spirits."

In the *Whitewall Evening Post*, Aug. 7th, this narrative is copied with the remark, that, "upon the inquiry, every circumstance was literally true." A ballad was cried about the streets at the time, founded on the melancholy narrative, but it can scarcely be said to have aided Sheenstone in his beautiful production.

HOWKAWA.—A Paris paper furnishes the following remarkable anecdote: "About 100 years ago, a man, aged 18, was condemned to the galley for a hundred years and one day. The man has suffered in full the sentence of the law, and has now returned to Lyons in France, where, claiming an estate belonging to his family, the proprietor, M. Bertholom, who had thought the purchase very fair and safe, agreed, by the advice of his lawyer, to settle the contentious matter by giving the real proprietor £4000 sterling, (nearly \$20,000.) This would be old man, at the age of 118, has lately offered his hand to a woman and is shortly to be married!"

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

From late English papers received at New York.

A Hebrew roll of great antiquity, found in a vessel captured by the Greeks, has been transmitted to England, and the Biblical community were occupied in its investigation. £1250 is asked for the relic.

A suit is before the English Court of Chancery, about a small piece of land, which the Lord Chancellor took occasion to say, it then sold, would not bring one-tenth of the costs incurred, which amount to upwards of £7000.

At Aleppo, in Syria, a Firma was issued on the 12th of August last, prohibiting the sale of "the Bible, the Psalter and the Gospels," in the dominions of the Sultan.

An immense assembly of persons attended the sale of the freehold villa and effects at Brighton, England, "of the late Henry Fawcett, Esq." that is, the executed felon. The highest prices were given for these relics. A solemn account is published in the London papers of the funeral of his widow's mother, and the widow was still "inconsolable."

The great foot race between captain Thoro good and G. P. Manning, Esq. for one thousand guineas, took place on the 2d December. The run was, who should "do the most ground in fifty minutes?" Mr. Manning headed the captain in the sixth mile, but the captain won the race by about four yards only.

The Pope has issued a bull appointing the year 1825 a year of jubilee for the whole Catholic Church, and inviting the faithful sons of the Church to make a pilgrimage to Rome.

Further Intelligence of the ship Diamond.

The following very interesting letter, written the morning the Diamond was stranded, and addressed to the Consignees of the ship at Liverpool, was forwarded to the owner in N. York by the Amethyst, arrived at Boston. From this it appears that only seven of the passengers, and a part of the crew, were lost.

I am concerned to inform you that the ship Diamond, bound from New York to Liverpool, has stranded about 3 o'clock this morning on St. Patrick's Causeway, in the bay of Cardigan, between Barrowth and Harlech, and that the masts and rigging are only to be seen. Three of the crew are lost, and about seven passengers. Part of the cargo of cotton and cottons, began to come on shore. The officers of Harlech and some special constables, whom I have sworn to protect the property, are diligent and active in their trust.

The Captain and first Mate are lost, so the second mate of the name of Russell, is the only person who can give any information on this unfortunate business. The sooner the better, you will add some person to superintend the damaged cargo, which in all probability will daily come on shore.

Signed,
G. OWEN."

A Caleb Qua'um Family.—In a small village, a few miles from Cheltenham, (Eng.) there resides a man who is engaged in the following various avocations:—Schoolmaster, sexton, parish clerk, head of the parish, crier, horse-doctor, dentist, barber, postmaster, and other (as occasion might require,) at the village alehouse. His wife is a manufacturer of lollipops and half's eyes, sell-silk and red herring, cuts all manner of disorders, takes up washing, and lets out a donkey.

This industrious pair have a son twenty-five years of age, who plays upon the violin and clavinet, speaks three languages, has married three wives, been twice shipwrecked, and three times turned over in a stage-coach.

A ship saved by a Cat.—The Dart, laden with salt, was brought into Plymouth on the 6th of Dec. She had been found at sea during the late storm, were all swept from the deck, or left the vessel in a small boat.—By the act of St. Edward I. cap. 4, and of the same King, cap. 2, it is enacted that if a ship, a dog, or a cat, escape alive out of the ship, such ship shall not be deemed a wreck, and as a live cat was found on board this vessel, she cannot be a ship of Admiralty, but

remain in charge of the Sheriff to be restored to the owner.

At Bedford sessions, William Cutts, of Worksop, was arraigned for stealing "a candle," value "one penny." After the examination of two or three witnesses, one of whom stated that the "candle" had been burning some time. Mr. Waterhouse, a junior counsel of promising talent, rose and begged to suggest that a legal objection might be taken, as the indictment charged the prisoner with stealing "a candle," whereas it was now proved to be only "a part of one." This flaw proved fatal to the indictment, and the prisoner was discharged.

WEEKLY COMPENDIUM.

The demand for "Lionel Lincoln," the new novel by the author of the Spy, is, we understand, very brisk.

The Students of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, intend to have erected a monument over the graves of their three associates who have died during this session, and are interred in the cemetery of St. Stephen's Church.

On Monday night a little before 10 o'clock, a young gentleman who was entering a house in Second street, nearly opposite New, heard the crash of falling glass, and turning his eyes in the direction whence the noise proceeded, discovered a man attempting to steal the watch from the window of Mr. Le Huray, at the corner of Second and New-street. He gave the alarm, but the villain escaped.

On Sunday afternoon, between Market and Chestnut streets Wharves, a little boy, from appearance poor and friendless, fell into the dock and would inevitably have perished had it not been for the intercede of a young man present, Mr. Elkanah Oliphant, who, although at this inclement season, immediately leaped into the water at the risk of his own life and brought the boy safe on shore. Such praiseworthy acts merit the gratitude of every citizen and cannot be too widely circulated.

The elegant new ship Atlantic, of 550 tons burthen, was launched on Monday evening, in the yard of Mr. Burton, in Southwark, near the Navy Yard. She is owned by Mr. John McTrea.

General La Fayette, Son and Secretary, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Mr. Enden of the Senate, and Mr. Baker, of the House of Representatives, arrived in Baltimore from Harrisburg on Thursday night week. The General and family were in fine health and spirits, and left that city on Friday, at 3 o'clock, for Washington, accompanied by the above named gentleman.

The Senate of Pennsylvania transacted no business of importance on Monday. The house of representatives passed the Conestoga navigation bill.

In the house of representatives of this state, on Thursday week, a resolution directing the committee of ways and means to report a bill taxing insurance companies, was, after considerable debate, adopted.

The bill to incorporate the Schuykill Coal Company has passed the committee of the whole, in the House of Representatives; with sections added incorporating the Philadelphia and Schuykill, and the Schuykill and Mill Creek Companies.

The amount paid by the public authorities in the State of New York, for the destruction of oysters, since the year 1813, considerably exceeds the sum of 200,000 dollars.

Parker, recently convicted of murder, in Middlesex Co. (Mass.) was hanged at Lechmere's Point, opposite Boston, in the prison yard. He was executed without public notice, at his own request. His brother, convicted of the same crime, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

A few days since at Shadwell, L. I., a quarrel took place between two men of the names of Brantham and Smith, when the former took a gun from the mantle-piece, and shot the latter dead on the spot. The murderer is in the hands of justice.

The ports of Martinique, which had been opened for the importation of a limited quantity of bread stuffs from the United States, were closed again on the 8th.

Active measures are taken in the towns upon the West branch of the Susquehanna, to test the practicability of steam-boat navigation thereon.

His Excellency WILLIAM EVERTS, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, died in Boston on Sunday morning last. Between the religious services of the day the bells of all the churches were tolled. The duties of the office will for the remainder of the year devolve on the Hon. Marcus Morton, the Lieutenant Governor.

The Secretary of the Navy has recommended the construction of two dry docks; one to be located at Charleston, Mass. and the other at Gosport, Va. The probable expense of the construction of both is estimated at about 700,000 dollars.

An accident took place on the 6th inst. at the Alina Powder Company's Works, near Baltimore. The Stamping Mill was entirely destroyed. It is considered the work of an incendiary, as the Mill had been closed and locked up the evening before.

Mr. Appleton, Secretary of the American Legation to Spain, arrived at New York on Sunday evening, from Madrid via England, in the packet ship Florida, from Liverpool, with dispatches for government. He proceeded for Washington on Monday morning.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given notice that the six per cent stock of 1813, will be paid off on the 1st of April next.

The Legislature of Connecticut have undertaken to restore an Attorney, who had been suspended, for improper conduct as such, from the United States Superior Court.

A worthy gentleman who lived the character of La Fayette, named his son after him, and thus recorded the birth in the family Register. Markis Delift, was born, &c.

The Board of Engineers have awarded to Mr. John Bruce, of Kentucky, the premium of one thousand dollars—he having presented to the Engineer Department the most approved invention for the removal of the sappers, planters and stags, in the Mississippi River.

The Postmaster General has reported to congress, that ten thousand dollars would be sufficient to prepare the road for stages in the Indian country, for the conveyance of the mail from Washington to Natchez and New-Orleans through the state of Mississippi.

It is said the snow storm which commenced on the 21st ult. extended as far as Georgetown, S. C. and occasioned considerable damage on the sea board.

William Davis, who has been in the jail of Alexandria, D. C. for near five years, under sentence of death, for the murder of Lambert Potter, was released on the 22d ult., by a full pardon from the President of the United States.

The three members of the British parliament, whose visit to our country has been frequently noticed, were at Charleston on the 29th ult. on their way to Washington, having visited the western and southern states.

On Saturday last, at Elizabethtown, N. J. the Thermometer was at six degrees below zero.

A curious case has lately occurred in the Legislature of the state of New York. By an inadvertence of the Speaker, a bill which had passed but two readings, and which was intended to have been seriously opposed on its third reading, received the signature of the Speaker of the House, as though it had finally

burnt, Register of the Navy of the United States. The work is to be comprised in a volume of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred pages, octavo form, price \$1 50 cents.

A bill providing for the election by the people of the electors of president, has been rejected in the house of representatives, in Delaware.

In Boston, seamen are said to be extremely scarce and wages as high as \$14 to \$15.

About 30,000 white children and 1700 coloured, are receiving the benefits of the common school system of education in the city of New York.

It is said, that Commodore Porter will be sent to the frigate Guerrier to Columbia river, where government intend to establish a naval and military force.

It is said to be the intention of General La Fayette to visit every State in the Union, before he leaves the country.

Mr. John Miller, a bookseller, in London, has invented a printing press, worked by mechanical power, which will throw off two thousand impressions in an hour, by the assistance of one man to direct the machine, and four boys to lay and remove the paper.

The Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, of Georgetown, 101 by Consumption, 14 by Croup, 54 by Diarrhoea, 70 by Dropsey, 12 by Dysentery, 29 by Bilious Fever, 69 by Hooping Cough, 26 by Intemperance, 13 by Liver Complaint, 62 by old age, 7 by Rheumatism, 1 by Small Pox, and 4 by Suicide. The other diseases by which deaths were occasioned, do not indicate the state of the climate, with regard to health, nor the character of the inhabitants with regard to temperance.

The North Carolina.—On Sunday week, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, with several members of Congress, visited the North Carolina man-of-war. After inspecting this noble ship, the company repaired to the upper deck, where Divine Service was performed by Mr. Geer, the Chaplain. After having dined with Commodore Chauncy, the party returned to Washington. The North Carolinian pronounced, by the best judges, to be a very superior ship of her class. She mounts 90 guns, and is pierced for 202. On the upper deck she measures 220 feet; from the gib boom to the ring tail boom, the distance is 380 feet. From the upper extremity of the main mast to the bottom of the keel, is 289 feet. Taking her altogether, she is a most magnificent and truly grand object, and will, it is hoped, add to the credit of her name and nation.

Spanish Aggression.—In the communication to congress, the secretary of state remarks, that the capture of the brig James Lawrence, by a Spanish (Porto Rico) privateer, was a flagrant outrage upon the property of the citizens of the United States, upon which the executive government of the United States has, for the last three years constantly applied for reparation equally strenuous and unavailing. We are called upon to announce the death of that good and pious man, the Right Reverend Joaquin Cossio, Catholic Bishop of the diocese of New-York. His death was occasioned by a cold, taken while in the discharge of his duty.

A letter dated at Havana, on the 13th ult., says that the brig Edward, of New York, from Bordeaux for that place, with a valuable cargo, had been captured and carried off, and the captain murdered; the crew and supercargo, while they were below, escaped in a boat.

Capt. Knight, of the brig Seo, arrived at New York from Palermo, informs that there had been no rain there for two months previous to his sailing, and that the country was likely to suffer very much from the drought.

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The following is a statement of the appropriations of the Grand Lodges of different States, so far as we have seen, for the erection of a monument over the grave of Washington. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, \$500; New-York, \$1000; Tennessee, \$200; New-Hampshire, \$100; Maine, \$100. This exhibits a pleasing display of liberality, and we hope to see the other states follow.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., the building of the Rose Furnace, St. Lawrence on New York, owned by G. Parish, Esq. was burnt down, together with two large coal houses adjoining. The loss is about \$1000.

Joseph Mounts, who escaped from prison at Chillicothe, Ohio, about two years ago, was apprehended on the 21st, and returned to the place of his former confinement. He stands charged with the murder of Mr. Williams.

Old Connecticut get it!—Mr. George Phillips, of Preston, Conn. fatted, the present season, four Hogs, of a small bine, short frame, and small ears, which, when dressed and sold, weighed as follows: 562, 577, 595, and 614 lbs. Total, 2348 lbs.

Governor of Louisiana, has resisted the numerous applications for the pardon of Dr. Prevost, the murderer of Spotswood Mills.

It has been estimated that the consumption of cotton by American Manufactures, will this year amount to one hundred and fifty thousand bales.

The amount of property lost by the recent fire at Columbia, S. C. is estimated at \$70,000, of which \$20,000 was insured.

We learn, says the National Intelligencer, in respect to the proceedings of the Committee on the Speaker's Communication to the House of Representatives, that Mr. Kremer, and has addressed them a paper, of some length, giving the reasons which have influenced him in the course which he has adopted.

This communication, we understand, was not received yesterday in season to allow the committee time to consider it before the meeting of the House. It is understood that Mr. Kremer, in his communication to the Committee, has protested in very decided terms, against the authority of the House of Representatives, or of their committee of inquiry, to hold him responsible for having written the letter which has been the foundation of this inquiry, and has also protested against the right of the committee to place him in the attitude of an accuser, and especially upon general charges, not contained in his own letter, but indicated by the Speaker.

A daring attempt was made, on the 28th ult., to rob the mail from New York to Albany, as it was ascending the hill at the head of Washington street, about a quarter of a mile north of the village of Poughkeepsie.—The straps and apron, covering the mail and baggage, were cut, and the mail-bag and a trunk removed from the stage without being observed by the driver or passengers. A stage which followed close upon the other, arrived at the place before the freebooters had time to remove the mail from the road, and recovered it. The trunk was found next morning in a field a little east of the place where the robbery was committed, broken open and rifled of its contents, some of which were found near the Academy in the village. The tools with which the trunk was opened were found near it; and, as it afterwards appeared, had been taken from a blacksmith's shop in Poughkeepsie.

The Bridgeport Conn. paper of the 21st, says that a serious and inhuman quarrel lately took place in N. W. Fairfield, between Mr. James Brush and his son. It appears that both were addicted to intemperance, and frequently had disputes. On the day the affray took place, Brush armed himself with a loaded gun, a butcher knife, and a stick with spikes in each end, and then sent his daughter into the house to invite his son to the combat. The son went to the door, when the father attempted to shoot him, but the gun missed fire—he drew back to try again, when the son turned

the muzzle of the gun, and seized upon his father. A desperate struggle ensued, in which the old man got the advantage, threw his son on the ground, and awfully gashed him with the spike, plunging it two or three inches into his body. It was thought the son could not live.

A very destructive fire happened at St. Augustine on the 22d ult. It broke out about 9 o'clock at night, and lasted till between 3 and 4 next morning. A good deal of damage was done. The Custom House was burnt, and six or seven buildings to the North of it—the Custom House books and papers were saved. Among the dwelling houses destroyed, we understand, was the new and elegant belonging to the Marquis De Fougeres.

A bill has passed the Senate of Massachusetts, ayes 14, noes 9, authorizing all persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, to make affirmations in Courts of Justice. This privilege has hitherto been allowed in that State only to members of the religious denominations of Quakers and Shakers. In Great Britain

